

## WIFE-MURDERER GETS TEN YEARS

Jury Returns Verdict at 1 o'Clock in Morning Against Negro.

### PORTRAITS FOR SCHOOLS

Interesting Exercises Will Be Held on Thursday—Other Petersburg News.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., November 21.

The trial of Isiah Cooper, negro, indicted for the murder of his wife, Katie Cooper, which was begun in the Hastings Court yesterday morning, ended this morning about 1 o'clock with a verdict of murder in the second degree and a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. The accused was ably defended by Robert and Herbert Gilliam, who contested every inch of ground, and were successful in saving him from a heavier sentence. A great many witnesses, both for the prosecution and defense, were put on the stand, and the evidence was not concluded before a late hour, the argument closing about 1 o'clock. The jury several times during its deliberations came into court for instructions, rendering its verdict about 1 o'clock. It was the desire of the court, counsel and jurors to dispose of the case last night.

The evidence was of a circumstantial character, but strong. No one actually witnessed the murder.

### Presentation of Lee and Jackson Pictures

Petersburg Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, some time ago appointed Mrs. R. T. Meade and Miss Annie Mann a committee to select pictures of General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson, to be placed on the walls, respectively, of the new Lee School and Jackson public school, on Washington Street. The committee has discharged its duty, and on Thursday the chapter of Daughters will formally present them to the school board. On behalf of the Daughters, the Rev. Charles H. Strubling will present the picture of General Jackson, at the Jackson school, and on behalf of the school board it will be received by Thomas B. Ivey. The picture of General R. E. Lee will be presented at the Lee School on behalf of the Daughters by the Rev. E. P. Danbridge, and will be received on behalf of the board by R. O. Egerton. The ceremonies will be of interesting character, and will be witnessed by the children of the respective schools, the members of the school board and the public. The pictures are of large size and fine likenesses of the distinguished dead.

### Publishing House for Petersburg

The proposition to establish a branch of the great Southern Methodist Publishing House, located in Nashville, in Virginia, which is endorsed by the Virginia Annual Conference, has started an active movement in the Methodist churches in Petersburg to have the plant located in this city. At the meeting of the board of stewards of Washington Street Church last night, resolutions favoring the establishment of the branch house in Petersburg and calling upon the other churches to join in the effort to secure it were adopted. A committee consisting of James B. Blanks, F. O. Stratman, Dr. W. P. Drewry, Professor A. K. Davis and Senator P. H. Drewry was appointed to take action necessary toward securing the plant. The board of stewards of High Street also met last night and adopted similar resolutions and appointed a committee consisting of R. H. O'Kennon, Dr. J. E. Smith and R. E. Gill to co-operate with the other churches in the matter. There are eight Methodist churches in Petersburg, and they will work earnestly together to bring the proposed publishing house to this city.

**Personal and Otherwise.**  
Cards have been issued to the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Bell, to Dr. Irving McDowell, of the same county. The wedding will take place in Calvary

## Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder

cleanses, preserves and beautifies the teeth and imparts purity and fragrance to the breath. Mothers should teach the little ones its daily use.

Episcopal Church, at the courthouse, on December 6.

Petersburg Lodge of Elks will hold its annual memorial service on the first Sunday in December. The arrangements for the occasion have not yet been completed.

A meeting of the retail merchants of the city will be held Thursday night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of reorganizing on a more thorough and active basis. The meeting will be addressed by Samuel Cohen, of Richmond.

John Watkins, aged eighty-four years, a negro of the old Virginia type and respected by all, is dead at his home on Clinton Street. He had gone blind, and died of the infirmities of old age. He was formerly a slave of the Beckwith family, who have never ceased to care for him.

The public night school was opened in the Lee School last night, with forty-seven pupils. The school is for the benefit of young men who cannot attend in the day, and is in charge of Herbert Gilliam and Bernard C. Syme, young attorneys and college graduates, as teachers.

### Stabbing and Cutting Affairs.

During a difficulty on Plum Street early this morning, George Washington, alias "Country," a negro, was dangerously stabbed over the heart by Silas Green, another negro. Green escaped, and the wounded man was taken to the hospital.

A difficulty occurred last night in the Petersburg Lunch Restaurant between the cook and a waiter, both Greeks. George Minuta was cut across the face with a meat knife by G. Methea, the cook. The wound is not very serious, but Methea is held on the charge of felonious cutting.

## ASK FOR REVIEW BY SUPREME COURT

Independents Not Satisfied With Court's Degree in Tobacco Dissolution Plan.

Washington, November 21.—Independent tobacco interests will appeal to Congress, if necessary, to have the Circuit Court's decree of dissolution of the tobacco trust reviewed by the Supreme Court. This was asserted today by Felix H. Levy, the attorney who appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission of the Senate to give his views on the trust question. Mr. Levy stated that an application has been made to President Taft for a hearing and plea have action taken looking toward an appeal to the Supreme Court. Thus far no satisfactory answer has been received, he said. Attorney-General Wickersham informed Mr. Levy by letter, the latter stated, that he did not intend to appeal from the decree to the Supreme Court, and the independent tobacco people who were refused an opportunity to intervene in the dissolution proceedings in New York are now in the courts for a review of the case. Should they fail they will endeavor to have Congress direct the Attorney-General to take action to have the decree brought before the Supreme Court.

"Apparently to the Circuit Court, the Attorney-General and the President, this dissolution is in accordance with the spirit of the antitrust law," suggested Senator Cummins.

"The Attorney-General and the Circuit Court have approved it," said Mr. Levy, "but President Taft's speech at Detroit in September would indicate that this plan is wholly inconsistent with his views of the matter."

Senator Cummins asked Mr. Levy if he thought the Supreme Court law would amend in the case the plan of dissolution in the tobacco case is upheld.

"I do not think you can make an effective law if the present Sherman law will not hold," said Mr. Levy. "It is as broad and simple as the English language can make it. If it is to fail, we will have to bow to the corporation."

## NOT HARD TO PAWN STOLEN CLOTHES

Police Declare That Few Questions Are Asked When Thieves Appear With Loot.

### MASON CASE IS A BIG ONE

Former Porter for Burk & Co. Held on Evidence of Wholesale Pawing.

In the arrest and alleged confession of Henry Mason, alias Sharles, son of Henry Mason, alias Charles stealing about \$1,000 worth of clothing from Burk & Company, 800 East Main Street, detectives have discovered what they had partly guessed before—that it is comparatively easy to pawn stolen goods in Richmond, and that few questions, if any, are asked the thief as to how, when and where he obtained them.

Mason was once employed as a porter in the clothing store. He knew its every turn, corner, nook and cranny. He was discharged. But he returned, and he must have returned innumerable times, for he, it is alleged, carried away enough clothing to stock a double team wagon. That he had little difficulty in disposing of his loot is evidenced by the fact that he pawned as many as twenty coats and trousers in one shop. With rare exceptions, he always used the same name. And yet it seems, no suspicion—at least they informed the police of no suspicion—on the part of the pawnbrokers was aroused. But all the clothes were new, and it hardly seemed reasonable, the police assert, that any one could believe that one negro could have come home with so many suits of clothes, trousers and overcoats.

### Police Are Indignant.

Whether any action can be taken against the pawnbrokers remains to be seen. But there is great indignation at police headquarters over the fact that a robbery of such huge proportions should occur, and that it should be such an easy matter for the thief to dispose of the stolen property. If no legal action can be taken, it is probable that the Board of Police Commissioners will be asked to take the matter up before the ensuing Legislature with the request that that body frame some law whereby pawnbrokers may be reached in the same manner in which the police reach the bank dealers, from whom they receive daily reports as to what is taken in by them.

When the robbery was first discovered the clothing firm stated that nothing was missing. Investigation, however, proved that very much was missing. Then Detective Sergeants Withshire and Bailey and Detectives Gentry and Belton began a systematic search of the pawnshops. They visited and recovered clothes from the following dealers: West Broad Street Loan Office, A. Gellman, proprietor, 212 West Broad Street, fourteen pledges for coats and trousers; N. Cohen, 6 West Broad Street, twenty pledges for trousers, coats and hats; Sam Stern, 320 North Sixth Street, eleven pledges for trousers, suits and overcoats; S. Sidenberg, 1816 East Main Street, nine pledges for trousers; Seventeenth Street Loan Office, M. Kaminsky, proprietor, 100-111 North Seventeenth Street, nineteen pledges for trousers and coats; J. Weinstein, 304 North Sixth Street, twenty-one pledges for trousers and coats; D. Friedman, 553 Brook Avenue, twelve pledges for coats and trousers; Elmer Brothers, 1706 East Main Street, three pledges for trousers.

The articles were pawned for sums far below their real value. It is believed that some of the clothing has already been disposed of by the pawnbrokers, as the robberies extend over a period of four months.

## A whole lot of Christmas for 15 cents



### 130 Christmas Presents in this number

HERE is a long list of practical Christmas presents which anyone can make—useful cushions, embroidery, stencil, cut leather and other attractive but simple suggestions, all new and all possible. The best Christmas present is the one which you make yourself, and into which so many loving thoughts have gone. All of the suggestions made in the Woman's Home Companion have been tried and will work out.

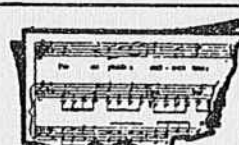
Last-minute Gifts  
A Half-a-Dozen Simple Gifts by Selma York  
The Best New Books  
The New Christmas Cards  
Useful Candles by Lucy Thorop  
Easily made Gifts for Men by Helen Marvin  
Easily made Gifts for Women by Helen Marvin



### Boysie got the Graphophone

THIS is an amusing story, but not too amusing to have a real sympathetic touch, for, after all, everyone was glad that Boysie got his graphophone, especially as his goat got sick and was being raffled off. Frederick Dorr Steele's pictures add a good deal to the spirit of the story.

["The Boarding House Graphophone" by Norvell Harrison]



### Christmas Bells

TWO pages of sheet music for Christmas, written especially for Christmas and especially for Companion readers, which would cost at least one dollar at music stores.

["Christmas Bells," music by Ward Stephens, words by Marguerite Merrington]

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THE strangest thing about the flying house is that it really flew, with Princess Ethel and Prince Paul in it, and Viletemma and Algernon too. This was strange because Viletemma "made up" the story to keep Algernon quiet. So Viletemma was more surprised than Algernon when it happened.

["The Flying House" by Hubert Footner]

The Christmas number of the Woman's Home Companion is a whole department store of Christmas help, inspiration and entertainment. A single visit will convince you that you never saw such bargains anywhere else: 3 Christmas stories, 4 other stories, 10 Merry Christmas talks by editors and others, 7 successful ideas for Christmas entertainments, 130 suggestions for Christmas gifts, 57 advertisements of Christmas presents, a Christmas full-page picture, a piece of Christmas sheet music, a page of Christmas dinners and a page of Christmas tables—all this without counting the regular departments, fashions, fads, foods, women's clubs, how to handle husbands and babies, etc.



And here is a gown for the Christmas festivities by Grace Margaret Gould

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### How 15 cents will make your Christmas money go farthest

THE woman who pays \$1.50 a year for the Woman's Home Companion gets her money back with every number and sometimes more. A single suggestion of the several hundred given in each number could be easily worth \$1.50 to any woman.

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15 cents of your Christmas money spent for the Christmas Woman's Home Companion will make your Christmas a brighter, happier and more successful Christmas.

Somebody in your house ought to get the Woman's Home Companion for a year as a Christmas present.



## A Merry Christmas

to all readers of the Woman's Home Companion and those who are going to be

## WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION

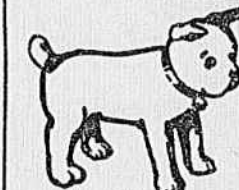
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A magazine just for the children

STORIES, pictures, playthings and toys for children—enough to fill a Little Folks Magazine—are in this number of the Woman's Home Companion. There is a "continued-in-our-next" story about those delightful Island Twins, John and Jane, and their Christmas visit to their rich friends in the city. John and Jane will be continued for five months, so you'd better ask mother to subscribe, so they begin in the Christmas number.

["The Island Twins" by Abbie Farwell Brown]



Toys mother can make for you

SEE these many pages of Christmas presents which mother can make for you, and other pages of presents you can make for her—only we mustn't let her know. There is a gift for everyone in the family, and just how to make it, in this number of the Companion, which costs only 15 cents.

["Home-made Toys" by A. Russell Bond]



More Kewpies

THE Kewpies are giving a Christmas party, the best sort of party, to a whole neighborhood of poor children that the rich people forgot. You know the Kewpies, don't you, those funny little chap that do so much good in such a quaint way, all told in pictures and rhymes?

["The Kewpies' Christmas Party" by Rose Cecil O'Neill]

### And here's a new kind of Toy-book

or is it a book-toy, this book about the surprising adventures of Jack and Betty, who have to cut their way through from page to page, always finding something more wonderful on the next page. You can play with the Jack-and-Betty-book, or you can send it to some little boy or girl as a Christmas gift.

["Adventure of Jack and Betty" by Clara and George Williams]

## News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau.

The Times-Dispatch.

1020 Hull Street.

'Phone Madison 175.

Permission to use the courtroom of Hastings Court, Part 2, was yesterday granted to Judge Walter A. Watson, of the Chesterfield County Circuit Court, which will convene this morning for the hearing of the famous "oil case," which comes up on appeal from the magistrate's court of Oak Grove.

The defendants are the Standard, Richmond and National Oil Companies. Early in the year they were summoned to appear before Squire L. W. Chestnut, of Oak Grove, to show cause why they should not be fined for selling oil without a license. The companies were confronted with more than thirty different counts. Rather than delay the court by a hearing of each separate count, an agreement was reached whereby they plead guilty on one count each, with the understanding that in case of their losing on appeal, they would pay the same fine in each additional charge without question. A fine of \$100 was imposed on each company, which promptly noted an appeal. The companies will without a doubt, carry the matter to the highest court if the Circuit Court decides adversely, as the amount involved is more than \$30,000.

The defendant companies will be represented by Attorneys Charles L. Page, Eppa Hinton, Jr., and A. W. Patterson. Judge J. M. Gregory, Commonwealth's attorney, will be assisted by Conway Sands.

**Cannot Find Witness.**  
Judge R. H. L. Chester, of Stafford County, was the guest of Judge E. H. Wells in Hastings Court, Part 2, yesterday morning. These judges are alternating in the Law and Equity Court of Richmond pending the appointment of a successor to Judge John H. Ingham.

Another postponement was granted at the request of the Commonwealth's attorney, despite the vigorous protests of Attorney Charles Morris, who represents Nelson Austin (colored), charged with throwing carbolic acid in the face of his wife. The wife has proved a rather slippery witness for the Commonwealth, as she cannot be located. Her hiding place was located by the authorities Monday night, but she succeeded in eluding their clutches again. The case will be heard Friday whether she is found or not.

**In Police Court.**  
Emma Tyler, the colored girl charged with stabbing, turned the tables on her accuser in Police Court, Part 2, and besides vindicating herself caused William Smith (colored),

who preferred the charges against the girl, to be sent to jail for twelve months. Smith claimed he was cut without provocation, but the boot appeared to Justice Maurice to be on the wrong foot.

A severe lecture was delivered to Ernest Waymack and Connie and Luther Herndon, small boys, accused of stealing a quantity of candy from a Hull Street confectioner.

For throwing rocks and creating a disturbance on the street, Robert Hudson and Henry Coy (colored) were sent to the reformatory.

### Found Burglar in Room.

Awakened early yesterday morning by a slight noise, J. M. Graves, of 1613 Porter Street, was startled on sitting up in bed by the sight of a tall, uncouth looking individual, who was standing with a lighted match in his hand at the foot of the bed. The man, perceiving he was discovered, made for the door. Mr. Graves sprang out of bed and seized a shotgun, which was, luckily for the marauder, unloaded. Before a shot could be fired, the burglar slammed the door and the thief had made good his escape. An open window, showing where the man had gained an entrance to the house, was found. Mr. Graves awakened his sleeping family and immediately instituted a search that revealed the comforting fact that nothing had been stolen. A report was at once made to the police.

### Some Other Attempts.

Besides the attempt on the Graves home, it is said similar attempts were made on the homes of E. L. Bass and John W. Walker, which are in the same neighborhood. A report was also made to the police that a burglar had entered the home of Henry Roberts, 2007 Porter Street, but was intercepted and fired on by Mr. Roberts.

Although these robberies are becoming frequent, no clue has yet been discovered which would lead to the detection of the miscreant. It is a noticeable fact that only money and valuables are taken. All who have caught a glimpse of the party or parties are agreed that they are white. Mr. Graves is of this opinion, and thinks the man he saw had on a slouch hat, was tall, and had several days' growth of beard.

### Personal and General.

C. L. Jager, of Charleston, S. C., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. C. Zyl-eier.

Mrs. T. E. Warren is visiting relatives in Washington and Philadelphia. E. D. Womack continues ill at his home on Stockton Street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Raines, of 927 Perry Street, left last night for a visit to their son at Augusta, Ga.

Large crowds continue to hear Rev. B. H. Melton, who is conducting a series of revival meetings in the Cowardin Avenue Christian Church.

## WAR VESSELS WILL PROTECT LIVES

Two Armored Cruisers Ordered to San Domingo by Navy Department.

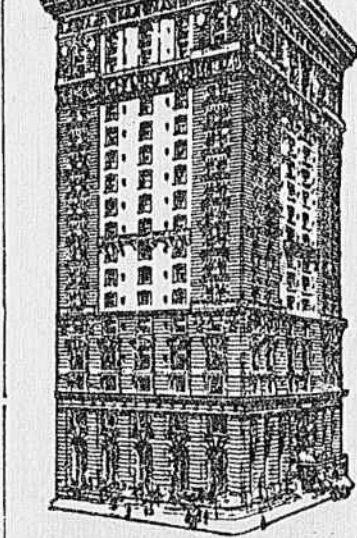
Washington, November 21.—The Cabinet today decided that the situation in Santo Domingo was such as a result of the assassination of President Caceres as to make it expedient for the United States to have a naval force there sufficient to meet any demands for the protection of foreign lives and property and to insure the maintenance of order and the observance of law.

As soon as the decision of the Cabinet was reached the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet was directed to dispatch the two big armored cruisers, Washington and North Carolina, to Hampton Roads.

No one at the Navy Department knew the exact location of the Atlantic fleet, which was conducting a search problems somewhere off the Maryland and Virginia coast, but precisely eleven minutes from the moment he had sent his order Admiral Wainwright, chief of operations, had before him an answer from the fleet commander stating that the two big ships were on their way to the zone, where they arrived within a few hours.

Mr. Russell, the American minister to Santo Domingo, was directed to take passage of the Washington and North Carolina, which he will sail to-morrow for Hampton Roads.

There is nothing on the surface indicating danger of serious trouble in Santo Domingo, but the decision to send this powerful naval force to the island was inspired by a desire to relieve any other nation from apprehension as to the safety of its citizens or their property.



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